

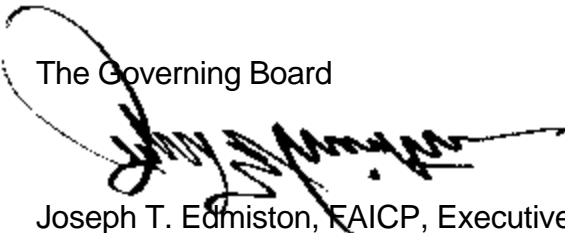


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: November 1, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of APNs 4441-015-018 and 4441-014-004 in Garapito Canyon (approximately 17,000 square feet combined) from Los Angeles County, or the current private owners, at no cost to the MRCA, unincorporated Topanga Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of APNs 4441-015-018 and 4441-014-004 in Garapito Canyon (approximately 17,000 square feet combined) from Los Angeles County, or the current private owners, at no cost to the MRCA, unincorporated Topanga Canyon

Background: At its September 8, 2004 meeting, the Governing Board authorized the acquisition of approximately 62 acres of surplus Los Angeles County property in the Sylvia Park and Garapito Canyon areas of Topanga Canyon. That September 8, 2004 staff report is attached to provide background. Staff is going to apply to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant to fund the \$100,000 acquisition. Subsequent to that action, staff received the attached notice from the Real Estate Division of the County's Chief Administrative Office offering two inholdings within the subject 62 acres to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for no cost.

The two subject inholdings (APNs 4441-015-018 and 4441-014-004) are currently owned by private parties. Those parties are willing to swap their parcels for properties that the County is going to surplus within the more developed core of Garapito Canyon. By the MRCA accepting the inholdings, the County does not have to face development applications within and access claims across the property surplus to the MRCA for open space. The MRCA equally benefits by not having to face similar challenges and by receiving approximately 17,000 square feet of land at no cost. The County has already paid for, and provided to staff, the preliminary title reports.

